

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully considered the Final Office Action mailed June 29, 2010, and respond as follows.

Claims 1, 2, 4-16, 18-31, 45, 70-71, and 76-98 are pending. Proposed amendments to claims 1, 45, 92, 97 and 98 are presented herein. No new subject matter has been added.

Summary of Interview with Examiner

Applicants' representative, Jeanne M. Tanner, sincerely thanks Examiner Ewald for the courtesies extended during a telephonic interview of August 2, 2010. During the interview, Applicants expressed a desire to place the application in condition for allowance. Amendments to claims 1, 45, 92 and 97 were discussed. Additionally, the elements of claim 97 were discussed with reference to the disclosures of Cartwright and Leoni. Examiner Ewald indicated that the proposed amendments to the claims initially appeared to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants understand that such an indication of allowability is provisional and subject to a final search of the art.

Final Office Action

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner, among other things:

- indicated that claims 83-84 and 90-91 are allowed.

Proposed Amendments

Applicants have amended claim 1 to depend from allowed claim 84.

Further, Applicants have amended claim 45 to depend from allowed claim 91.

Applicants have amended claim 92 to recite that "the deformable member is configured to contact said compression wall."

Applicants have amended claim 97 to remove the term "substantially" from the phrase "the compression chamber has a substantially uniform thickness." Applicants assert that the claimed "uniform thickness," as would be understood by a person of ordinary skill

in the art, encompasses a nearly uniform thickness, i.e., minor variations in the thickness of the compression chamber are encompassed by the term “uniform thickness.”

Applicants have amended claim 98 to recite that “the deformable member is configured to contact said compression wall when said controlling fluid is injected into said compression chamber.”

Conclusion

As every objection and rejection has been addressed by Applicants, Applicants believe that this application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request action to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,
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